Brooklyn College Group To Aid Farm Project

Brooklyn College is preparing for its third farm labor project at the State Technical and Agricultural Institute, Morrisville, N. Y., it was announced yesterday by Harry D. Gideonse, president. As in other years the project will be under direct supervision of Prof. Ralph C. Benedict of the college department of biology.

More than 200 students have registered for farm work. The first group will leave the middle of June.

Last year 150 farm cadets from Brooklyn College aided in harvesting a large crop of beans. In addition the students participated in a course of academic work under direction of members of the regular teaching staff.

Students combined routine farm work with evening classes in geology, rural sociology, political science, English composition and literature.

A 52-page report on last Summer's project has been released by Dr. Gideonse, which contains such contributions as an essay entitled “What Arcadia Can Teach—From a City of 7,000,000 to a Village of 700.” There also is a chapter on “Majoring in Peas and Beans.”

Dr. Malcolm Galbraith, director of Morrisville Institute, with his staff members, receive high praise in the report from Professor Benedict. They offered co-operation, he said, not only during the preparatory stages of the farm project, but also during the entire Summer when Brooklyn College students were housed in the institute dormitories and also made use of the classrooms.

Several farmers in Madison County have offered contracts to the farm cadets, Professor Benedict reveals, whereas “only one farmer was willing to gamble on the 150 collegians in the planting and harvesting seasons of 1943.”